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TAGS: PINT, YO  
SUBJECH: CROATIAN EXTREMIST SENTENCED IN SPLIT

REF: BELGRADE 928

1. SPLIT DAILY, "SLOBODNA DALMACIJA," REPORTS FEBRUARY 22 THAT CIRCUIT COURT OF SPLIT SENTENCED FIFTY-ONE YEAR OLD IVAN KUSTRE TO TWO YEARS OF "STRICT IMPRISONMENT." KUSTRE WAS CONVICTED OF INSULTING HONOR OF THE STATE, STIRRING UP NATIONAL HATRED AND DISCORD, AND PROVOKING NATIONAL INTOLERANCE. ALL THESE CHARGES WERE BASED UPON KUSTRE'S ACTIVITIES IN SUMMER OF 1971. HOWEVER, KUSTRE ESCAPED TO WEST GERMANY AND WAS TRIED IN ABSENTIA. "SLOBODNA DALMACIJA" REPORTS THAT HE WAS HANDED BACK TO YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES BY WEST GERMAN POLICE.

2. SENTENCING OF KUSTRE COINCIDES WITH STATEMENT BY CROATIAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR JOSIP MADJAR IN ZAGREB DAILY "VJESNIK" (FEBRUARY 24) THAT HE EXPECTS TO SEE LARGE DECLINE IN NUMBER OF "POLITICAL OFFENSES" WHEN FINAL 1976 FIGURES ARE COMPLETED. MADJAR ATTRIBUTED DECLINE TO IMPROVED SOCIAL CLIMATE AND GREATER EFFICIENCY OF SECURITY ORGANS. HE ADDED THAT "ENEMY" WAS BEING FORCED TO CHANGE TACTICS "LINKING HIMSELF MORE AND MORE WITH EXTERNAL ELEMENTS."

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3. COMMENT: RECENT CONVICTIONS OF TWO OTHER CROATIAN EXTREMISTS, ONE IN BOSNIA AND ONE IN SERBIA (REDTEL) HAVE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ACTIVE IN EXTREMIST MOVEMENTS IN GERMANY. THIS MAY BE SIGN, AS MADJAR SUGGESTS, THAT EXTREMISTS WITH "EXTERNAL LINKS" ARE NOW PERCEIVED TO BE THE MORE SERIOUS THREAT AND MORE ATTENTION IS BEING FOCUSED ON THEM. AT THE SAME TIME

SUCH CASES ALSO REFLECT THE YUGOSLAV VIEW THAT NATIONALITY  
HOSTILITIES CONTINUE TO BE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO THE EXISTENCE  
OF UNIFIED YUGOSLAVIA AND MUST BE FIRMLY DEALT WITH. KAISER

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